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TITLE: System and method for transparently registering and  
updating information over the internet

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (11):

There are two types of online resources that can be accessed by the present invention. For the first type of online resource, the client application automatically contacts a specific online server site resource as a background process under control of the application. Preferably, the online server site provides user authentication services and file storage. After user verification, data is transferred from the online site to the application and is stored in specified directories under control of the application. The connection to the online site is always under the control of the application. For the second type of online resource, the application launches a web browser as a foreground process for accessing a specific online server site. When the web browser is launched, a uniform resource locator (URL) information and any other required connection parameters are passed for connecting with the online resource. When the user is finished interacting with the online resource and/or browsing the web, the user manually switches control back to the application.